

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1540

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ACCESSING OF CONVERSATIONS OF TRANSISTOR BETWEEN ATC AND PILOTS

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether conversations between the Air Traffic Control (ATC) Tower and pilots of aircraft landing at and taking off from Varanasi Airport were being accessed on transistor sets across the city in September, 2004;

(b) if so, the reasons for this bizarre and serious incident; and

(c) the outcome of the investigation launched in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) No, Sir. No such incident has been recorded and reported by Airports Authority of India which administers the Air Traffic Control.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.